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THE WRECK OF THE MASCOT

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THE huge fore and aft sails of a three masted schooner swung lazily to starboard, half filled with wind, and the graceful craft glided from the harbor of Batavia, in the island of Java, toward the sea. She was the schooner Mascot, British, Liverpool, Captain Loomis, laden with coffee, and had cleared for Philadelphia, with commission to touch at Samoa and at Buenos Ayres en route. On board were two men who for months had been awaiting an opportunity to ship aboard a homeward bound vessel of any description, for the bark that had brought them to that far corner of the world, one as master and the other as mate, had been destroyed by fire while lying in the harbor, and with it had been burned everything they possessed.

Batavia had not been a pleasant place in which to loiter during those blistering midsummer days. The bubonic plague raged virulently. Men and women natives, nearly all, to be sure—dropped dead in the streets almost without warning. Business was at a standstill. Ships bound in observed the warning signals and scudded seaward again without dropping anchor, and it had seemed as if the two sailors were fated to remain there always until the Mascot poked her nose through the morning mists one day in August and came to anchor off the Kraalhund, a meaningless name for a detached wharf which lies about 30 fathoms off the western extremity of the harbor. With the schooner came hope, and the two men lost no time in boarding her and, finding that she was shorthanded, were readily accepted by the bluff and hearty master, one as mate and the other as able seaman.

"Afraid of the plague?" shouted Captain Loomis when, before leaping the rail, they warned him of the danger which threatened all who anchored in the harbor of Batavia. "God bless you, lads, it is everywhere this voyage. It's the blitherly plague that has made me short handed. Both my mates and two of my men have gone under and been slotted home, but I reckon the rest of us are fireproof. Come aboard, come aboard, lads, if you want to sign articles. I'm your man. Are you Englishmen?"

"No, sir. Americans," replied one of them. "That is, my friend here is really a Norwegian, Thorgensen by name. I was master and he first mate of the bark Schuylkill of Philadelphia, burned in this harbor eight weeks ago. My name is Craddock."

"And you wish to ship with me, eh?"

"That we do, sir."

The arrangement was speedily concluded. Craddock became first mate of the schooner, and the gigantic Norwegian gladly accepted a place in the fo'castle. The Mascot had arrived from Sumatra (where one of her crew and her captain was determined as soon as he could take on a cargo of coffee to slip his cable and be off. Fate willed, however, that he should clear in due form of law, and so the day came when the schooner put to sea. Her course was laid through the tortuous sea of Java, through the Torres strait, and thence across the Coral sea, between the New Hebrides and the Santa Cruz islands, to Samoa.

For a week all went well. Then, without warning, that terrible palsy which precedes the relentless stroke of the plague seized the captain in its awful grasp, and in two hours he was a corpse. During the succeeding night a sailor perished in the fo'castle, another followed at midday, and still another ere the sun had set again, and on the seventh day after the death of the captain Craddock and Thorgensen found themselves sole survivors of all who had sailed out of the harbor of Batavia aboard the schooner Mascot 14 days agone.

They were at that time about 80 miles to the eastward of Torres strait, for the schooner was slow, and she had been several times becalmed. They consulted long and earnestly regarding the best course to pursue now that they were alone aboard a vessel much too bulky for two men to handle in anything more than a lazy breeze. To turn back was out of the question, since what little wind there was in those latitudes at that season of the year was always contrary, and, besides, they had experienced quite enough of Batavia. It was possible that they might make an Australian port if they could succeed in crossing the Coral sea and striking the northern arm of the south equatorial drift which makes to the southward on either side of the southern Australia current, by which, for several hundred miles, it is divided in twain. On the other hand, if they could succeed in crossing the Coral sea without accident they would be much nearer Samoa, and—well, they tossed a coin and decided upon the original destination.

Neither had experienced any symptoms of the plague, and both believed themselves exempt. They, however, took the precaution to thoroughly fumigate the schooner in the hope that they might speak some craft which would afford them assistance.

They passed through Torres strait and out upon the Coral sea, and there for days and days they floated idly in a dead calm—days which lengthened into weeks until they almost ceased to keep note of the flight of time nor bothered themselves with the customary midday observations at a time when latitude and longitude could change only by so small a fraction that it became a seemingly useless task. Time enough to take their bearings when there was breeze enough to render them valuable, they thought. But they forgot or they did not know the influence of the counter currents which make through the Coral sea, influenced by sudden and fierce tempests and by subterranean convulsions which abound in that region.

Experienced sailors both, everything on board was prepared for emergencies. Axes were lashed within easy reach of the halyards, where they might be seized upon and used at a moment's notice should one of those sudden tempests descend upon them unawares. Even the topsail halyards were spliced and led to the deck, and the stayforesail and the two jibs were furled and housed; also, despite the intense heat, they battened the hatches for rough weather and so had everything in readiness for a hurricane.

"We could take her into Liverpool, where she belongs, Crad," said the confident Norwegian one evening when they were smoking their pipes on the after deck. There was not a breath of air stirring and had not been for weeks, and already they were more than three weeks out from Batavia.

"We cannot take her three fathoms with no wind," replied Craddock testily.

"But that will come after awhile," laughed Thorgensen.

"Aye, that it will—too much of it when it does come, I fear, Ralph! The devil has been in this voyage from the start. During all the 20 years that we have shipped together we have never had such an experience as this one. It all comes of our giving up steam and taking to wind jamming again, because we thought that we could make a fortune with the Schuylkill and quit the sea. The sea will never permit us to quit her, Ralph, mind that. We are under a life contract to her. The burning of the bark proved that."

Thorgensen laughed aloud.

"In the doldrums, eh, Crad? Cheer up, mate; we're together, anyhow. We have plenty to eat and drink, a place to sleep, the weather is warm, and I say, Craddock, when did you take an observation?"

"I don't remember. A week or more ago. It is on the log."

"We have drifted some since then."

"Naturally. I'll take another tomorrow."

"Well, it's your watch on deck, and I'll turn in."

The Norwegian nodded and, whistling gayly, for nothing seemed capable of dampening his spirits, went below.

At midnight Craddock called him and took his trick in the cabin.

The Norwegian nodded at his post. He threw himself upon a coil of rope near the wheel, yawned sleepily and with one last glance at the starlit sky closed his eyes in slumber. He had done it night after night. What use was there in keeping watch over that deserted sea where never a sail nor a puff of wind was evident?

Two hours later away off toward the southeast, seemingly out of the sea, appeared a cloud. It rose and spread and grew, becoming denser and blacker as it soared toward the zenith, driving onward in the direction of the becalmed schooner with frightful rapidity, muttering ominously like a huge beast charging upon suddenly discovered prey.

With a rush and a roar it descended. The schooner heeled over on her beam ends. The Norwegian was flung like a puff ball into the lee scuppers, stunned, bleeding, senseless. There came a snapping and then a crashing like the booming of heavy guns, and the three masts, one after another, went by the boards. Huge seas which had leaped up out of the ocean at the call of the tempest came tumbling and pounding and beating over the ill fated craft, tearing away the wreckage by a fortunate circumstance and thus permitting the hull to half right itself.

Then out through the confused mass of ropes and spars and stays and shrouds leaped Craddock. He seized an ax and felt his way through the intense darkness from place to place, striking here, cutting there, with every stroke releasing the vessel of part of the weight she was dragging and which threatened to accomplish her utter destruction. At last in one of the vivid flashes of lightning he discovered his friend wedged in between the broken binnacle and the port rail. By exerting almost superhuman effort he succeeded in dragging him aft, and there, after lashing himself and the Norwegian at the wheel, he seized the spokes and slowly but surely shifted the rudder until the schooner flew dead before the wind, traveling with frightful velocity, a dismantled, useless thing, with the wind howling over her and the boiling, seething water drenching her from end to end.

"Afraid of the plague?" shouted Captain Loomis.

A blacker night there never was. It was as though blindness had descended upon the world, and Craddock set his teeth, clung to the wheel and hoped against hope that in the maddened rush of the disabled vessel no rocky reef might loom up out of the night to check her in her wild career.

Later—and the time seemed interminable to Craddock—he heard the voice of his friend calling to him out of the darkness. Consciousness had returned to him. He was not dead, and presently they stood side by side at the wheel, four hands grasping the spokes, for it was more than two hands could do to hold them steady. Conversation was impossible, for the roaring of the tempest annihilated every other sound. The battened hatches kept the water out of the schooner's hold; otherwise she would have filled at the first onslaught of the wind. By and by Thorgensen leaned nearer to Craddock and, placing his lips close against his friend's ear, shouted:

"Schooner Jonah, Captain Craddock, with a cargo of fools, cleared from Batavia bound for hades, eh, Crad? And we'll"—

The Norwegian never completed that sentence. There was a grinding crash, followed by a terrific shock, and the schooner seemed to leap out of the sea, up and over some obstacle that had impeded her way. The wheel and the posts to which the two men were lashed were torn from the deck, and with their human impedimenta hurled forward among the timbers and wreckage in the midst of a chaotic jumble of planking, broken bulkhead, demolished small boats and general destruction. But the hull of the vessel held tenaciously together, and she was motionless. The wind howled on unceasingly overhead, and around about was the roar of the mad waters tenfold mightier as they dashed against unseen rocks, only to be hurled relentlessly back. [illegible] the schooner's deck. Only the spray and clouds of water thrown by the wind reached as far as [illegible] the fated vessel and [illegible] from her native element high and dry upon a hogback reef that was not much greater than her own bulk.

Craddock and the Norwegian were jammed beneath a mass of wreckage, comparatively unhurt, but unable for the time being to extricate themselves; and so, in momentary expectation of death, they remained until the wind and the sea subsided, and the sun came up out of the east as smilingly as though no havoc had been wrought since he last bade them both good night.

There is no calmness like unto that which succeeds a storm, and in the south sea it is difficult at such a time to realize that the tempest has come and gone. Only the wide expanse of sea to the south and west with its huge, unruffled, rolling swells and the corpse of the schooner lying full two fathoms out of reach of the summit of the highest heave of the restless water, mangled, broken, dripping, gave evidence of the terrific war of the elements that had waged through the night. The herculean strength of the Norwegian was in evidence when the sun rose at last over the world. Piece by piece he removed the debris which confined him and his friend, and at last, somewhat shaken, badly bruised, but in nowise appalled, they stood side by side upon the dismantled and broken deck.

Before them was the endless stretch of water, beneath them the stranded hull of the Mascot, behind them, when wonderingly they turned their heads to discover the meaning of the shadow that was cast upon the sea, loomed a huge, cone shaped mountain of obsidian formation, which glistened even on the shady side, where the rays of the risen sun could not touch its surface. It was a mountain which towered about 1,000 feet into the air, shaped like a pineapple cheese with the top cut off smoothly and evenly two-thirds of the distance to where the summit might have been had the formation continued on to its natural apex. No where was there another bit of land in sight, and this could hardly be designated by so dignified a name.

There [illegible] to comment upon their [illegible] and their plans. The towering [illegible] rose literally out of the sea, and with the exception of the rock upon which the wreck of the schooner [illegible] there was nothing else than water in sight—water and sky and sun and clouds—and, yes, there was one more thing, a land bird, which fluttered down from the heights above, rested for a moment upon the wreck, and then soared away again until it disappeared in the direction of the mountain's top.

It was long after noon when that occurred, after Craddock had found the implements of navigation among the wreckage in the cabin and by taking an observation had decided that they were in latitude 22.10 south and longitude 178.15 west. He found also the water soaked chart, but it afforded them no information. There was no record of such a mountain at that spot. All that he could determine upon was that they were some hundreds of miles southwesterly from the Tonga islands and that the nearest point of land was the island of Kanfa, 200 miles or more to the northwest.

But that land bird was an inspiration to the Norwegian.

"Mountain or no mountain, scalable or not, Crad," he said after watching the bird until it disappeared from view on its return flight, "there are trees and earth and fresh water on the summit of that mountain. That bird would not be here without them."

Investigation demonstrated that one of the boats might be repaired, and they began work upon it at once. Water and food [illegible] in abundance, for the schooner's stores were almost intact, although tumbled about in the most abject confusion.

It is not necessary to enter into the details of their three days' search around that mountain of crystal, which did not exceed two and a half miles in circumference, with never a fissure or a crevice in its smooth and even sides save a dark and oblong hole as large as a church door fully a hundred feet above the surface of the sea and directly over the place where the schooner was stranded. It was not until they had exhausted every hope of finding another that they turned their attention to that, and they would not seriously have considered it even then had it not been for the land bird which had called upon them the day after the storm. That fact alone had convinced Thorgensen that the island contained a place of refuge. The wreck was a precarious resting place, for at any moment another storm might arise and destroy it, and it was his inventive genius which solved the problem that confronted them.

The signal gun was stored in the hold amidships, and by rigging tackle they hoisted it to the deck. There, after repeated trials, they succeeded in throwing a six pound shot with a line attached through the aperture. At first it would not bear the weight of a child, but at last the projectile somehow became wedged, and Craddock, being the lighter of the two, essayed the task of climbing. Once within the embrasure of that dark and forbidding place, he disappeared, and when he returned the two men set to work with a will, so that they soon provided a sure and safe means of ascent and descent, and with the early morning of another day they began their tour of exploration.

They discovered the skeleton of a man.

The opening through which they passed into the mountain was indeed a crevice which extended from that point upward to the summit, although it pierced no farther down, and was so narrow above that it could not be discerned from the sea. But it became wider as it pierced the mountain and, leading downward on a gentle incline, at last broadened and opened upon a wide expanse of valley more beautiful to behold than words of fancy can depict. It was a tropical Eden surrounded on every side by towering cliffs of smooth obsidian, hopelessly unscalable. Above them was the yawning crater, nearly a mile in diameter, through which the sun glinted diagonally, reflected back upon the verdure which surrounded them by the glasslike substance of the mountain's shell. Always in shade, yet ever in sunlight while the sun shone upon the world—such was the condition, and the consequence was a tropical climate without the intense heat which accompanies it. There was water in abundance, too, and near the center of the Edenlike valley, more strange than all, were the ruins of a house of stone, or rather of obsidian, where somebody at some time long ago had dwelt.

Entering it, they discovered upon the floor of one of the two rooms which it contained the skeleton of a man, and beside it a block of smooth obsidian, upon which there was an inscription, evidently made with the diamond ring which they found near the fleshless hand that had made use of it. The inscription was in English and easily decipherable. It read:

> August, 17[illegible]. I doubt much if this be Read by Human eyes. If So be, then Know who Reads that I, John Simonds, once of London, discovered this Island 1710, and, Being weary of the World, Returned alone [illegible]. Since then I Have remained. I am now above 80 Years, Too feeble to return To The World, which I [illegible] see again. To Him who Reads I bequeath This Isle, with All it contains, Requiring Only that He bury My bones With a Prayer to God for my Salvation. There be Gold here In Full abundance, and Precious stones Put here by the Hand of God when The mountain Was alive With fire. It be my Empire, an Empire Island I Have named It. Have it So, then, If Ye Revere my Memory.
>
> JOHN SIMONDS.
>
> By the Grace of God, Near Heaven, Amen!

More than a century had passed since that inscription was made, since John Simonds ceased to breathe, yet everywhere the shipwrecked twain discovered evidences of his habitation and his industry. There was no need to search for gold or precious stones. John Simonds had performed that task for them. There were nuggets sufficient for a king's ransom piled in conelike heaps around the house beneath the royal palms which shaded it from the reflected rays of the sun, and within the adjoining room of the ruin they found diamonds and emeralds in the rough which even their uneducated eyes were capable of recognizing.

The bones of John Simonds were buried with due reverence, as he had requested, and Craddock prayed most earnestly for the repose of his soul.

After that they returned to the wreck of the Mascot and by rigging tackle succeeded in hoisting through the strange aperture everything that might be valuable to them in their unheard of retreat. Even the small boat that they had repaired was hoisted into the mountain in the same manner, and then, bit by bit, they broke up the schooner, saving the timbers and such of the brass and iron work as they deemed might prove available at a future time.

Afterward the stone house was repaired, and thus months passed almost unheeded by them. For a time they kept watch of the sea through their doorway to the world, but they were far out of the beaten track of vessels, and at last they desisted, convinced that the only way of escape for them was across the open sea in the small boat they had saved from the wreck or in such a craft as they might be able to construct from the timbers they had preserved.

Often they contemplated such an attempt, but it was each time postponed, for there was a certain kind of enjoyment in the life they led, and there [illegible] craft so frail as the one at their disposal. But the construction of another was begun at last out on the solitary reef where the Mascot had stranded.

One year passed away and then another. Twice the boat which they were constructing was nearly swept away by storms, but the good fortune that had preserved them through all their vicissitudes spared that also, and one day nearly three years after they were cast upon the reef Craddock and Thorgensen bade adieu to Empire island and sailed away to the northward in a lug sailed craft laden with gold and precious stones enough to render them both rich for the balance of their lives.

Before the sail was hoisted and while they floated beneath the opening in the side of the mountain Craddock pointed with his right hand toward the huge pile of obsidian and said solemnly:

"Ralph, before we set sail let us make one promise each to the other and swear sacredly to keep it for all time."

"Agreed, Crad. What is it? You could not ask a promise of me that I would not grant."

"Let us promise each to the other that neither of us will ever return to this island unless in company with the other or with the express permission of the absent one."

"Agreed; I promise."

Four months later the shipwrecked mariners arrived in San Francisco safe, sound, well and with the fortunes they had discovered intact.

Respectfully Referred.

As The Green Bag has it, Chief Justice Marshall used to narrate with great glee the following correspondence on a point of honor between Governor Giles of Virginia and Patrick Henry. The governor wrote:

> Sir—I understand that you have called me a bobtail politician. I wish to know if it be true, and, if true, your meaning. W. B. GILES.

Patrick Henry's reply came promptly:

> Sir: I do not recollect calling you a bobtail politician at any time, but think it probable that I have. I can't say what I did mean, but if you will tell me what you think I meant I will say whether you are correct or not. Very respectfully, PATRICK HENRY.

This was leaving it to Giles with a vengeance; but, as there was no further correspondence, the governor of Virginia must have read satisfaction somewhere between the lines of Patrick Henry's brilliantly equivocal reply.

The Heart a Pumping Engine.

The mechanism of circulation and respiration as well as secretion must be complete. In the circulation of the blood the heart corresponds to the pumping engine of a water system, forcing the life fluid to the remote parts of the body, where, passing through the hairlike tubes called capillaries, such substances carried by the current as are needed for repairing the various tissues are absorbed, and the stream, taking up the waste tissues of each part, proceeds through the veins back to the heart.

This is the general circulation. There are two subsidiary but no less important circulatory systems—that relating to the liver and that relating to the kidneys.

Way to Moral Strength.

We can learn to live nobly only by acting nobly on every occasion. If you shirk the first trial of your manhood, you will go so much weaker to the second, and if the next occasion and the next find you unprepared you will unquestionably sink into baseness. A swimmer becomes strong to stem the tide only by frequently breasting the high waves.—Success.

Prepared For the Test.

Tommy—Mamma, is it true that cats have got nine lives?

Mrs. Tucker—Why do you ask that question, dear?

Tommy—'Cause I know nine ways of killin 'em.—Chicago Tribune.

TO A BOOKWORM.

Oh, gentle worm, most wise, though oft denounced a pest,
Who didst the pages of the ancients' books infest,
Their contents [illegible] inwardly digest,
[illegible]
For twixt the [illegible] a classic tome,
[illegible] tered house,
All margined round with [illegible] to roam
Whene'er thou carest to leave thy lettered nook
And when thou didst riddle thy last line, O Pundit,
What happy destiny was there, denied to us,
To lay thy sapient bones in such sarcophagus
And be forever buried in a [illegible]!
—John H. Finley in Century.

TAKING HIS ADVICE.

How a Man Applied a Rule He Intended For His Neighbor to Himself.

Mr. Sheldon was the principal merchant in the important manufacturing town of Torimont. He was proud of his wealth, but he was still more proud of the fact that he had made it all himself, and his pride was greatest because he had made it by never allowing anybody to get ahead of him.

"That's the secret of success in life, Harry," he said one day to his favorite clerk. "Sharp's the motto if you wish to rise. I don't mean you should cheat. That of course is both wrong and ungentlemanly." Mr. Sheldon prided himself also on being what he called a gentleman and above all little meannesses. "But always be wide awake and never let anybody cheat you. I've noticed, by the bye, that you've seemed rather downhearted lately. If it's because you've your fortune yet to make, don't despair, but follow my advice. An opening will come at some time for something better than a clerkship, and, though I shall be sorry to lose you, yet I'll give you up if it's for your interest."

"Thank you," said Harry, apparently not a bit cheered up by this cool way of being told he had nothing to expect from Mr. Sheldon, "but it's not exactly that. I suppose I shall get along somehow."

"What is it, my dear boy, then? I really take an interest in you, as you know." And he did so far as words were concerned. "Perhaps I can give you some advice."

"Well," said Harry, with some hesitation, "I'm in love, and"—

"In love!" exclaimed the rich merchant. "In love and with only a clerk's salary to marry on. It will never do—never do, Harry. Marriage for one like you is fastening a millstone round your neck unless indeed"—and he stopped, as if a bright thought had struck him—"unless indeed the girl is rich."

"She is rich, or will be, I suppose," answered Harry, "for her father is a wealthy man. But that's just the difficulty. Her father would never let her [illegible]"

"What a [illegible] tyrant," said Mr. Sheldon. "If I was the lover, Harry, I'd run off with her. I'd checkmate the old curmudgeon in that way." And he chuckled at the imaginary triumph he would achieve. "'Pon my soul, I would! I never, as I told you, let anybody take a rise out of me."

"But would that be honorable?"

"Honorable? Isn't everything fair in love and war? I thought you had some pluck, Harry. How I should like to see the stingy old hulk rave and stump about on his gouty toes, for he must be gouty—when he heard of your elopement!"

And he laughed till his portly sides shook at the picture he had conjured up.

"He'd probably never forgive me," said Harry dejectedly. "And then what could I do, with a wife brought up to every luxury and only a poor clerk's salary to support her on?"

"Never forgive you? Trash and nonsense! They always do forgive. They can't help it. Besides," with a confidential wink, "I think I know your man. It's that skinflint, Meadows. I've heard of your being sweet on his daughter. She's a pretty minx, though she is his child. Oh, you needn't deny it. I saw how you hung about her at our party the other night, and when I joked about it with my daughter the next morning she as good as admitted that it was true, saying it would be a very good match for you. Now, I owe old Meadows a grudge. He tried to do me in those railway shares last winter, and I mean to pay him for it somehow. I tell you what I'll do. I must not ask, mind you, who the girl is. Mum must be the word. I must not of course be known in the affair, but I'll give you leave of absence for a month and a check for $250 to pay for your wedding trip if you'll make a runaway match. Is it agreed? Well, there's my hand on it. Here's the check. Egad! Won't the old man howl when he hears how we've done him!"

Harry seemed to hesitate, however, and it was not until Mr. Sheldon, eager to see his old commercial rival put at a disadvantage, had urged him again and again and promised to stand by him that he finally consented and took the check which his employer persisted in forcing upon him.

The next morning Mr. Sheldon came down to breakfast in high glee, for a note had reached him just as he was shaving which ran as follows:

> Dear Sir—I have, with much difficulty, persuaded her to elope. It was not, however, till I showed her your check that she would consent to do so. She said that she was sure you would not recommend anything that was wrong; that you would advise her as if you were her own father, and she hopes you will stand by us. We shall be married tomorrow, before Mr. Meadows is up. Very thankfully, HARRY CONRAD.

The old gentleman brought the note with him to the table, opened it out before him, adjusted his spectacles and read it over and over again.

"I'd give $100," he said, chuckling, "to see the old fellow's face when he hears how Harry has done him."

It was the custom of Mr. Sheldon to read his newspaper at breakfast while waiting for his only child and daughter, who, a little spoiled by overindulgence, was generally late.

But this morning Matty was later than ever.

The banker had read all the foreign as well as the home news and even perused Harry's note, and still she had not made her appearance.

"The lazy puss!" he said at last. Then he looked up at the clock. "Half an hour late! Now, this is really too bad, John," he cried, addressing the manservant at the sideboard, "send and see why Miss Sheldon doesn't come down. Tell her," with a severe air, "I'm tired of waiting."

John came back in about five minutes, looking very much flustered.

"If you please, sir," he stammered, "Miss Sheldon's not in her room, and it hadn't been slept in [illegible]

The rich merchant's [illegible]

He started up, with [illegible]

[illegible]

"A [illegible]

"What [illegible]

This was [illegible]

[illegible]

"Well [illegible] den [illegible]

"The [illegible]

But [illegible] mopped [illegible] excitement, had [illegible] drops of [illegible] that he had [illegible] elope and that [illegible] he would [illegible] town to bring [illegible]

Mr. Meadows [illegible] that he had but one child [illegible] was all in all to him.

So he accepted [illegible] telegraphed back:

> [illegible]

The runaways [illegible] train. The [illegible] eminently happy [illegible] got out. We [illegible] dence. W[illegible]

A Little Umbrella Story.

One rainy [illegible] the elevated road was [illegible] the Sixth avenue line [illegible] paratively new silk umbrella [illegible] of the cars. When [illegible] entered the car at [illegible] guard proudly showed [illegible]

"It comes in great [illegible]" he said. "This is my [illegible] have a long walk. I had [illegible]"

The lone passenger [illegible] without a rain protector [illegible] the guard.

The two carried on a [illegible] versation, only interrupted by stops at stations. In time the train neared the Eighty-first street station, where the passenger was to get out. The guard had carefully deposited his umbrella in a corner of the front platform of the car. While he was busy opening the gates the passenger quietly lifted it from its resting place and left the car. As the guard closed the gates and gave the bellcord a vigorous pull he saw his former passenger walking along the platform carrying the umbrella.

"Hey, there! Stop it! Bring that back!" shouted the guard.

"I need it myself," replied the [illegible] passenger.

"Come back, I say! You [illegible] that!" cried the guard as the train slowly pulled out.

The new proprietor of the umbrella only smiled as he walked down the steps. He now shows the [illegible] to his legal friends and quotes [illegible] adage, "Possession is nine points of the law."—New York [illegible]

To make a tour of the [illegible] of New York is [illegible] visit the little, unknown [illegible] not so common, but [illegible] more interesting. One [illegible] unadvertised services [illegible] ticing is the variety of [illegible] still in vogue.

In no place is the old [illegible] pan or the wire corn [illegible] around, but these [illegible] have given way to [illegible] primitive. The silver [illegible]

[illegible]

The Lady's Slipper.

[illegible]

Amelia Knew Her Business.

[illegible]

Champion High Jumper.

[illegible]

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Republican Ticket.

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FRANK G. HARRIS
of Clearfield.

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A. W. BOYD,
of Bradford.

FOR CORONER,
B. H. HALL, M. D.,
of Bradford.

FOR COUNTY AUDITOR,
B. G. BARTLE,
of Port Allegany.

THE steel trust at the present time seems to have the best end of the strike game.

THE Sultan of Turkey has appealed to Germany to use her good offices to settle the dispute between France and the "Sick Man of the East."

JUDGE REYNOLDS seems to be the only one who is making any great hustle in politics at the present time and he is the people's popular candidate for county commissioner—next year.

THE report that people were starving in Texas is emphatically denied. While some farmers will not have crops enough to subsist on others have plenty and will give assistance to their less fortunate neighbors.

THE Republicans of Elk county have for years been cutting down the Democratic majorities in that county. This year the Republicans have an extra strong ticket in the field and they have a good chance to win.

FRICTION is growing rapidly between the Germans and Russians on account of the new German tariff. In aiming a blow at the United States the Europeans may hit each other, and a quarrel among close neighbors is apt to be an ugly one.

MISS MARIE J. EASTWICK a Philadelphia girl, is under arrest in London charged with forging a railway certificate of the value of $100,000. Her counsel makes the plea of insanity in her defense, but it hardly seems possible that an insane person could work so clever a fraud.

WETUMPKA, Alabama, has become famous because of a recent trial there. Three white lynchers were found guilty. One was sentenced for life and two others for 10 years each. They had taken part in the killing of a negro. When one considers that Wetumpka is located so far south, he is constrained to almost doubt the report, but it is true.—Bradford Era.

PORT ALLEGANY has driven away one of her leading industries, the Olean Glass Co., by a too decided advance in fuel rate at the expiration of [illegible] by this lesson and two years hence, when the contract with the Camp company expires, make a rate to them which will be fair and just to all concerned. 'Tis better to keep the old industries than try to locate new ones. Smethport to day is as good as any town in this section and it should continue to be so.

ANOTHER alleged cure all sanitarium has been established near Waterbury, Connecticut, says the Oil City Derrick. The cure consists of eschewing solid foods of all kinds and subsisting entirely on milk. It is said to be invaluable in all sorts of nervous disorders. There are seventeen members in the sanitarium at present, and all of them aver they are gaining health and strength on a milk diet. The patient begins by drinking about six quarts of milk daily and gradually increases the dose until he consumes eight or ten. It is a simple remedy and one need not go away from home to give it a trial.

"THE vilest sinner may return," according to the political doctrine of the Kansas City Journal. It says: "If Webster Davis desires to come back into the Republican party, as rumored, he will find the door open. Webster committed a great blunder in leaving the old party just as everybody else was swarming into it, but political blunders are not unpardonable crimes. It would probably take him quite a while to get back to the point where the party would again regard him as entitled to official preferment at its hands, but he could work and vote with the boys in the trenches and enjoy the reward of a good conscience. Let Web walk right in if he wants to."

A Queer Boat's Queer Voyage.

Pittsburg Chronicle Telegraph.

The ancient and the modern were brought into close conjunction yesterday afternoon in Pittsburg. An Egyptian boat, believed to be nearly 4,000 years old, made what in all probability will be its last voyage, the final stage of its journey from the land of the Pharaohs being transportation from local freight yards to the Carnegie Museum.

Could that old boat talk there would be a valuable and interesting contribution to history, but its limit of expression was reached when it creaked as it passed along the streets, as if protesting for the last time against its abduction from storied Egypt. To what use it was put when it drifted or sailed along the Nile thousands of years ago can only be conjectured. Its rude construction precludes belief that it ever figured as a pleasure boat for ancient royalty, for there is every reason to believe that splendor marked all the movements of these old time potentates. It may have served at times as a floating platform for Cleopatra to pass over to her silken sailed, gold ornamented and perfumed barge, or it may have been confined to such vulgar uses as the transportation of refuse from the great city. But it matters not in what sphere it moved thousands of years ago; it is valuable now merely as a relic of the civilization that existed then, and the queer boat's queer voyage has brought it into contact with the highest civilization in the world's history.

Washington Letter.

(From our Regular Correspondent.)

WASHINGTON Sept. 2, 1901.

Around the hotel lobbies the only political topic that affords any interest centers around taking chances on what Democratic state conventions will repudiate Bryan and the Kansas City platform. So far there is quite a unanimity in that direction, with just enough of a difference of opinion to make an inherent weakness in the Democratic ranks.

Next to that, Washingtonians are watching the constitutional convention of Virginia, now being held in Richmond. The Republican orators up to the present time have had the right of way and have unmercifully scored the Democratic party, particularly on its advocacy of no suffrage for negroes. Speeches have been made that have never been equalled for their severity of arraignment, the Democracy having been accused of political tyranny of the worst sort, and already propose to submit this new state constitution for a vote of adoption by the people, excluding the colored men from voting on a document that is aimed to deprive them of the rights of citizenship.

There is a lethargic reaction and a general feeling of disgust arising from the persistent efforts of the yellow journals to make political capital out of the Schley court of inquiry. Most persons who have anything at all to say on the matter regret the widespread advertisement that the papers have given to the case, and echo the sentiments of Chauncey Depew, who has just returned from Europe. He regrets it on account of the serious reflection on our navy. In Europe he says it is hurting the reputation of the American navy among circles which formerly had great admiration for it. The victories over Spain, the remarkable run of the Oregon from the Pacific to Cuba, and perhaps more than all the value set on the naval writings of Capt. Alfred T. Mahan have made all Europe look on our navy with much respect. But now these internal dissensions are dividing opinion.

If there is one thing more than another that is distinctive of Washington, and especially in the summer, it is the great freedom from restraints—imposed by fear of molestation—that women have on the streets. They are treated with unfailing courtesy and consideration at all hours of the day and night. One of the peculiarly beautiful sights of the city comes from the number of pretty women on the streets in the evening bareheaded and in the daintiest of summer dresses. They go about unescorted, and as unconcerned as if on their own lawns. But this Washington chivalry received a rude shock a few nights ago when two young women were accosted by a couple of young men while they were on a street car returning from one of the city's most refined suburban resorts. The men made some slighting remarks, frightening the two women, one of whom was hurt in attempting to get off the car to escape from her tormentors. Next morning the men were in the police court, where a heavy fine was imposed. In passing on the case the judge said: "Washington stands pre eminent among the cities of the United States as a place where [illegible] being insulted by blackguards, and the court is going to uphold the reputation of the city in this respect."

Much interest centers about the possibilities in the case of Jose Abreu, the first Filipino to hold a government office in this country. He is employed as a clerk in the Bureau of Insular Affairs of the War Department. He has been an insurgent and as one of Aguinaldo's officers opposed the American forces in the Philippines. Now, however, he has the confidence of the Department to the fullest extent. Those who saw him on the streets of Washington as a small and slender gentleman in American clothes, but with an undeniable Oriental appearance, find it hard to reconcile his present looks and occupation with his former known ability as an intrepid leader and fighter. His father was also an insurgent, but is now a leader of the Federal party in the islands. Mr. Abreu, the new clerk, is a linguist of extraordinary ability, and a close student of law. He will be of great assistance to the Department on account of his familiar and intimate knowledge of the islands and their customs. At present he is working on a geographical gazeteer of the Philippines and his acquaintance with the various provincial dialects is of particular value.

Acting Surgeon General Forwood of the army has just received a report of the medical department of the Philippine forces. "Johnny-behind-the gun" is exceptionally healthy, as army health goes, and the number of sicknesses has decreased rapidly under strict sanitary regulations. Enteric and malarial fevers are most to be feared, but the small percentage of "non-effectives" to the entire fighting strength is so low that it is plain these diseases are not making any serious ravages among the troops. A remarkable fact brought out by the report is that heat stroke, generally so much feared in the tropics, is practically unknown in the Philippines. Men often drop out on the march temporarily overcome by the heat, but fatal stroke is very rare indeed.

A Good Thing.

German Syrup is the special prescription of Dr. A. Boschee, a celebrated German physician, and is acknowledged to be one of the most fortunate discoveries in Medicine. It quickly cures Coughs, Colds and all Lung troubles of the severest nature, removing, as it does, the cause of the affection and leaving the parts in a strong and healthy condition. It is not an experimental medicine, but has stood the test of years, giving satisfaction in every case, which its rapidly increasing sale every season confirms. Two million bottles sold annually. Boschee's German Syrup was introduced in the United States in 1868, and is now sold in every town and village in the civilized world. Three doses will relieve any ordinary cough. Price 75 cts. Get Green's Prize Almanac.

For sale by H. C. Wells.

Reduced Rates to Cleveland.

On account of the Thirty-fifth Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, September 10 to 14, inclusive, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Cleveland from stations on its line, at greatly reduced rates.

Tickets will be sold and good going September 8 to 12, inclusive; good to return until September 15, inclusive; but by depositing ticket with joint agent at Cleveland, prior to noon of September 15, and the payment of fifty cents, return limit may be extended to October 8, inclusive.

For specific rates and further information apply to ticket agents.

No New "Highwater Mark."

New York Tribune.

Some decidedly misleading conclusions have been drawn from Commissioner Evans' recent report on the work of the Pension Bureau for the year ending June 30, 1901. In most of the abstracts made of this report the impression has been improperly conveyed that a new "highwater mark" in pension expenditures was reached during the closing year of President McKinley's first administration. A feeble coloring was given to this contention, perhaps by the fact the roll of pensioners had mounted a shade nearer the million limit than ever before, standing on June 30 last at 997,735. But apart from this single disclosure there was nothing whatever in the commissioner's elaborate summary of the bureau's work to suggest an actual inflation in the nation's pension account, and certainly it is a serious error to say, as we find one of our intelligent Philadelphia contemporaries doing, that "thirty six years after the close of the Civil War, and under the administration of a Commissioner of Pensions who has been denounced as unfriendly to pension claimants, there are recorded the highest number of pensioners and the largest money payments."

Little or no significance attaches to the slight increase recorded for the year in the roll of pensioners. That roll has been practically stationary for the last ten years. On June 30, 1900, there were 993,561 names on the list and on June 30, 1899, about 993,000. As far back as 1893 the total had already reached 966,000. But the growth of the roll has by no means involved a corresponding increase in pension payments. For in 1892 3, when the number of pensioners was 966,012, the disbursement for pensions amounted to $156,806,537. That was the real "highwater mark" in the Pension Bureau's history. No year since then has seen as great a sum appropriated or spent. In 1897-98 with 993,714 pensioners, the total expenditure was $144,500,000. But in spite of still further net additions the annual cost of pensions has fallen to an even lower level in the last three years, standing at $138,253,000 in 1898 99, $138,162,000 in 1899-1900 and $138,501,000 in 1900-01.

But the Commissioner's report offers still other evidence that no recurrence of the record breaking disbursement figures of 1893 and 1898 is now within the range of probability. Three years ago there were on the files of the Pension Bureau no less than 635,059 unsettled claims. On June 30 last there were only 403,569 claims outstanding—a reduction of over 35 per cent. But of these 270,000 are appeals for reratings and 41,000 are Spanish War claims, so that of the vast army of claimants made pensionable by the legislation of 1890 comparatively few now remain whose original applications have not been passed on. With these remaining unadjusted cases once disposed of an increasing death rate will undoubtedly cut our pension payments before many years to $130,000,000, perhaps to $125,000,000. We may add that on the face of the record made by the Pension Bureau for the last twelve months, and summarized in Mr. Commissioner Evans' report, it is difficult [illegible] can be charged with any positive lack of energy in sifting and settling the mass of unadjusted claims left over to it from previous administrations.

Many Saved by Mrs. Aguinaldo.

A dispatch to the St. Louis Globe Democrat from Denver, dated Aug 28, says: Manila would have been captured and burned and the inhabitants massacred if it had not been for the bravery of one woman—the wife of Aguinaldo. There was a well planned scheme a year ago last May for a general uprising of the natives in Manila. The plan was to set fires in various parts of the suburbs a series of fires which would divert the attention of the guards, and, while they were busy extinguishing these fires in outlying sections the insurrectos were to storm the city. Orders had been given for a wholesale massacre of men, women and children.

All this was prevented by the loyalty and devotion of Mrs. Aguinaldo, who at the risk of her life, betrayed the plans to the officers in the city.

Mrs. Aguinaldo had some time previously been taken prisoner and much to her surprise was very kindly treated. Possibly it was kinder treatment than she had ever received before in her life. The time came when she could repay it a thousandfold, and she did it, though discovery meant death to her. The plot naturally was discussed in her presence and she gave full information to the officers, thus preventing the most horrible massacre of modern times.

The facts have been well known in army circles, but have been kept sacredly secret on account of the danger to Mrs. Aguinaldo in case the insurrectos discovered them.

These facts have not been published before in any paper or history, and were made public for the first time by Miss L. M. Owen, a member of the American Scientific Association, who was in Manila at the time.

Miss Owen was the guest of an officer's wife, Mrs. Koehler, a niece of Miss Susan B. Anthony, and both ladies were in the city during the entire time of the danger. Miss Owen said:

"It was like living over a volcano. We knew our servants were involved, and that we could trust no native. Time after time was set for the massacre, but after the officers were once on their guard the danger was not so great. I think we ladies did not realize how much danger we were in, for the officers were so calm about it all. It is not generally known that the wife of Aguinaldo was the one who saved us the first attack. On her account it has been kept very quiet.

"The insurrectos had planned to massacre every one, including women and children. It was intended, however, to keep some of the women prisoners, as the natives believed the Americans would agree to any terms which the insurrectos might make in order to release them. The [illegible] information was [illegible] later by a Spanish lady, who overheard [illegible]. She immediately informed the Americans, for the Spanish in the city realize that the natives must be controlled by some civilized nation, and if the Americans [illegible] impossible for any foreigners to live there."

[illegible] a Third Term.

[illegible]

At last the oracle has spoken. Mr. Bryan has been coy about his utterances since last November until recently. He made beautiful utterances about delighting to be a private in the ranks and avowing his everlasting devotion to the Chicago and Kansas City platforms, but was chary about committing himself definitely as to whether he would be a candidate again or not. Apparently he has heard something from Ohio and Maryland and Virginia and elsewhere, and he has made up his mind that he had better refuse what he cannot get than to be kicked out of leadership. This is well enough, but it is not likely that Democrats in the States which have repudiated him will like the way in which they are scolded by the Lincoln oracle.

Mr. Bryan is a clever man, but his brain usually works overtime. He might have recollected that perhaps he was wrong and the millions of Democrats who want him no longer are right, but that is against his theories of politics. Democracy is only what Bryan says and all others are anathema. Well, we presume the Democrats who are berated can stand this sort of billingsgate as well as the defeated candidate who cannot close his grand act of self-abnegation without a slur at the people. He admits that he was defeated, but will not admit that he was defeated honestly. This is school boy talk. Mr. Bryan would have gladly accepted the Presidency if it had come to him largely by the vote of those States which disfranchise one-half the voters, yet keep their rank in the Electoral College. There would have been no cry of "dishonesty" from him over such an election, but he does claim that somewhere and somehow there were enough dishonest persons in the country to twice deprive him of the goal of his ambition.

We somehow feel that a man who exhibits his sore toe on all occasions and refuses to play any game unless he can make the rules and be referee is not the kind of man that the people of this country want for President or anything else. We like a good loser, which Mr. Bryan is not.

MINISTER WU is certainly becoming Americanized. He now dances the two step.

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AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION PROPOSED TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA. PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

A JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth in General Assembly met, That the following is proposed as amendments to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof.

Amendment One to Article Eight, Section One.

Add at the end of the first paragraph of said section, after the words "shall be entitled to vote at all elections," the words "subject however to such laws requiring and regulating the registration of electors as the [illegible]

Section 1. Qualifications of Electors. Every [illegible]

Amendment Two to Article Eight, Section Seven.

Strike out from said section the words [illegible]

Section 7. Uniformity of Election Laws. All laws regulating the holding of elections by the citizens or for the registration of electors shall be uniform throughout the State, but laws regulating and requiring the registration of electors may be enacted to apply to cities only, provided that such laws be uniform for cities of the same class.

A true copy of the Joint Resolution.
W. W. GRIEST,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

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Amendment.

Strike out section four of article eight, and insert in place thereof, as follows:

Section 4. All elections by the citizens shall be by ballot or by such other method as may be prescribed by law: Provided, That secrecy in voting be preserved.

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Orphans' Court Sale.

ESTATE OF E. H. TAYLOR, DECEASED.

By virtue of an order of the Orphans' Court of McKean County, there will be exposed at public sale to the highest and best bidder, at the Court House, in the Borough of Smethport, County of McKean and State of Pennsylvania, on Wednesday, the second day of October, A. D. 1901, at 2 o'clock p. m., the following pieces of land: [illegible]

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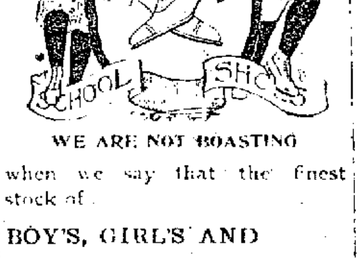

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to her best interest will not only inspect but buy of us the GROCERIES she needs.

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Entered at the postoffice at Smethport as second-class mail matter.

SMETHPORT, THURSDAY, SEPT. 5, 1901.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

My Mother.

She softly kissed me when I was a child,
And, gently stroking my tangled hair, smiled;
She never once scolded, but loving caressed,
And then at her knee each sin I confessed.

When illness and pain racked my body and head,
'Twas mother who guarded my pillow and bed;
She lay by my side, my burning hand held,
And her soft, soothing words the fever repelled.

When grown up to manhood and bearded my cheek,
She still, aye, still loves me, though feeble and weak;
And though she is old, with hair thin and gray,
I love her as well as in childhood's sweet day.

I will care for her, now that I am a man,
And comfort and cheer her the best that I can;
For all that may come in heaven on earth;
I owe to my mother—my angel from birth.

-Everand A. Hayes in Buffalo News.

—Register to-day.

—School begins next Monday.

—Read Anderson & Carlson's new shoe ad in another column.

—J. W. Waite's new house on King street will soon be completed.

—If we are to have a football team this year it is time the boys were organizing.

—Jack Welsh has moved his family into the John Miller house on Water street.

—Miss Rena Gallup has accepted the position as organist at the Methodist church.

—Redfield's new hardware ad this week gives you some straight pointers as to wooden ware.

—The Parish tea last Thursday on the lawn of Mrs. W. D. Gallup was both a social and financial success.

—T. J. Gilbert and wife now reside in the Eaton house on Mechanic street, they having moved there Saturday last.

—A number of persons went on the excursion to Kane and are attending the dedication of the new Episcopal church. St. Luke's choir assists in the services.

—Murray B. Greer has accepted a position as clerk at the Grand Central hotel and entered upon his duties Monday.

—The Haines bottle factory will not start to-day as reported last week, but it is expected that it will be running by the middle of the month.

—Letters remaining in the postoffice for the week ending Aug. 31, 1901: G. Davis, Harrison Jones, Ed Kelly, Mr. Mattie McKenna, C. Nelson, Guy W. Shallies.

—Thomas Camp has been elected manager of the Camp Glass Co. He is a thorough glass man and a good business man and we think the company made a good selection.

—James McCarthy, a widower with two children, eloped with the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Carter last Friday night. Both parties lived at Nansen, this county.

—The Rev. G. H. Patterson's subject for next Sunday morning at the Methodist church is, "The Ground of Christian Fortitude." His evening topic is, "Sons of Eli; Sons of Belial."

—Principal Davis and Professor Rugh have spent the entire summer vacation in the office at the Clarion State Normal looking after the interests of the graduates of that institution.

—An effort is being made to raise money for another hospital in Kane. The parties agitating the movement say that $10,000 is a sufficient amount and over half that sum has been subscribed.

—Shilleno & Torrence have a new ad this week in which they call attention to their new line of fall and winter patterns for suits and overcoats. Their line is certainly all right in price and up to date in style.

—The dancing school opened by S. Caskey of Bradford at the hose house Monday night was well attended. Mr. and Mrs. Caskey are highly spoken of as teachers and as they are teaching the latest dances we predict they will be well patronized throughout the season.

—W. D. Camp has resigned as manager of the Camp Glass Co. to take the management of the Smethport Glass Co. Mr. Camp was not financially interested in the Camp Co. and therefore preferred to manage a factory in which he held stock. W. D. Camp is a capable man and the Smethport Glass Co. is lucky in securing his services for the position.

—Robert Graves, the popular proprietor of the Grand Central hotel, Olean, is erecting a hotel at [illegible] House, Potter county. Mr. Graves is a thorough hotel man and knows a good thing when he sees it.

—Some of the ditches along Main street need cleaning out. They are so filled up that every rain covers the road with water and much damage is being done. It would be a big saving to the borough to have them cleaned at once.

—Through more direct information we learn that the members of the Camp Glass Co. have no interest in the Smethport Glass Co., the majority of the stock being taken by Smethport and outside parties who have no stock in the Camp works.

—The Austin Autograph became fourteen years old last week and is as healthy and hearty as its parent, Harry Caskey, could possibly ask for. It is always full of interesting news and we hope to see it live long and enjoy the greatest possible prosperity.

—The new pipe organ for the Methodist church has arrived and is being placed in position. It was built by the Hook-Hastings Co. of Boston. The organ will be in readiness by Saturday evening, but it is not probable that it will be used next Sunday.

—Bradford is making an effort to have two football teams on the gridiron this year. The high school team is assured and preparations are being made for the reorganization of the Company C team. It is about time Smethport players went to work if this place is to be represented this year.

—Labor Day was most fittingly observed in Bradford on Monday. The whole city took a holiday and everything was carried out according to the program, with the exception of the races which were prevented by the wet weather. Bradford is certainly a strong union city and the people seem to appreciate the fact.

—C. S. King, proprietor of the Sartwell House, Port Allegany, is building an addition 60x100 feet to his hotel and is making other improvements. He also has a night clerk now and guests can get in at any time. What an evolution this must be to Port Allegany. Just think of someone being awake all night in that town.

—John Mundy of the Coudersport Enterprise urges the indulgence of his friends in the following manner: "A young man deeply in love with a young woman of whom he is uncertain is to be pitied. Coudersport has several young men who should be 'pitied and not censured' for their worried, forgetful, preoccupied demeanor." Go in and win John and we will all drink to your health.

—The Eldred Eagle last week passed into its twenty-fourth year of life and we wish it all the success possible to a good paper published in a town which has taken a new lease of life. For years the Eagle has struggled along with Eldred when the future for both looked anything but bright, and now the Eagle should enjoy its full share of the prosperity which has struck our neighbor town on the Allegheny river.

—Michael Griffin's barn on the Potato creek road was struck by lightning Saturday shortly after noon. The barn and contents, which included buggies, wagon, cutter, farming utensils and about 20 tons of hay, were entirely destroyed by fire which followed. The horses were taken out but the smoke was so dense that nothing else could be saved. The loss will reach about $1 000 and was insured for about half that sum.

—There will be a mothers' meeting or conference in the M. E. chapel Wednesday, Sept. 11th, at 3 o'clock. It will be enjoyed by all who will attend, being carefully arranged for and prepared by the efficient superintendent of that department. A cordial invitation is extended to both old and young. The members of the W. C. T. U. are requested to meet promptly a short time before that hour to transact business.

—The Olean Glass Co., which has been manufacturing bottles at Port Allegany for the past five years, is looking for a new location. They were getting gas for fuel for about two cents per 1,000 feet, and the gas company of Port Allegany now wants to raise the price to seven cents for this year and ten cents for the following four years. Port Allegany has a way of offering big inducements to enterprises to locate there, but the people are just as anxious as anyone else to get all they can out of them after they have them in their net. Such actions on the part of Port Allegany citizens will not help to boom the town.

Family Reunion.

The descendants of David and Hannah Comes held their first picnic and family reunion on Thursday of last week, Aug. 29, 1901. They met at Larabee and intended to gather on the picnic ground at that place. They found the ground covered with water by the rains of the previous week. Mr. Windsor, who lives near the railroad station, kindly gave them the privilege of using his orchard and barn, and any other needed articles. About fifty of the relatives were present and passed a very pleasant day. They had an abundance of good things to eat which were much enjoyed for most of them had gone some distance to be present.

After dinner came the permanent organization of the Comes family reunion. Officers elected for the coming year are: Mrs. D. L. Forsythe of Smethport, president; Mrs. A. M. Bartlett of Colegrove, secretary; Ralph Burdick of Smethport, treasurer.

The annual reunion is to be held the last Thursday in August. Place of meeting next year at the home of Floretta Gallup at Norwich. Plan of entertainment arranged each year by the officers. Business being finished visiting, singing, etc., followed. Several pictures were taken, in which five generations were represented. Mrs. Floretta Gallup, the oldest one, being seventy-four years of age, and Hamlin, son of Ralph Burdick, twenty-two months of age, was the youngest one present. Many interesting accounts of the hardships of the pioneer ancestors were obtained which will be given in a few weeks.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gallup, Earl and Floretta Gallup of Keating township. From Comes Creek came Mrs. Alice Carter, Mrs. Fent Rifle, Coral Holden, Russel Carter, Austin Holden and son. From Port Allegany came the family of C. C. Holden, Mrs. D. Wright and daughter, Nellie. From Smethport and vicinity came the families of C. W. Dickenson, B. T. Downey, R. E. Burdick, Marvin Comes, and Mr and Mrs. D. L. Forsythe. From Crosby came Mrs. J. Kelly and Orlo Bard. From Colegrove, the family of M. L. Bartlett. From Norwich, W. O. Dickenson. From Straights came Chas. Gallup. From St. Marys, Mrs. Lena De Hass and children.

For Sale—Cheap. A good heavy lumber wagon and bark rack in good condition. For particulars call on or address
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tf. Smethport, Pa

A snap—Three hole roll nickel hot plates only $2.00 at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

Two Brothers Shot

The following is gleaned from the Bradford Star of Saturday:

A double shooting occurred this morning at 1:30 o'clock at the residence of George Thompson, No. 14 Ascension street, and as a result John Thompson, a son, was shot in the breast and is lying at the point of death and Major, a younger son, is seriously wounded in the right side. Another son, Charles, still younger, is suspected of the crime and has left the town and his whereabouts are unknown.

Mrs Thompson stated that the family retired last night at about 10:30 leaving Charles lying on a couch downstairs reading. This was often his custom and he always retired later than the rest of the family. At about 1:30 she was awakened from a sound sleep by the report of a revolver shot which was quickly followed by another shot. Rushing to the top of the stairs she saw her son, John, stagger from his room with blood streaming from a wound in his breast and he was followed quickly by Major, who occupies a room adjoining his brother.

When asked by his mother what was the matter John said that he had been struck by lightning, but soon seemed to realize the true nature of his wound and said that he had been shot. The young men and their mother passed downstairs and then discovered that Charles was not in the house. The back door was unlocked and standing ajar, which told the manner of his exit.

Hearing the confusion and the report of the shooting a neighbor went for the police and Officer Bain hurried to the house. He sent for Dr. Hall, who examined the two men's wounds. He found that Major Thompson was shot in the right arm near the shoulder and that the bullet had taken a downward course. His injury is painful but will not be fatal. John was bleeding internally from his wound. The bullet had penetrated his right lung. Neither of the victims will admit who committed the crime, either because they do not know or to shield their brother. Shortly after the affray Major Thompson urged the policeman to remain in the house with him lest his brother, Charles, return and succeed in killing him.

The three men reside with their parents. Charles, who is 21 years old, John and Major are aged 30 years and 25 years respectively. John is married, his wife residing at the Thompson residence, and the other two are single. The members of the family allege that Charles is suffering from a mental aberration. Since returning from Cuba, where he was a volunteer soldier, he has acted queerly and has been moody and quarrelsome. Lately he has accused the different members of the family of withholding some money belonging to him and this question has caused many disputes. About two weeks ago he was heard to say by his mother, that the whole family ought to be killed for their treatment of him.

"Black Jack" Shoots Mrs. Novinski.

A special from Eldred to the Bradford Era says:

On Saturday night a mysterious shooting affair took place two miles from this place, on the Olean turnpike, Mrs. J. Novinski, a polish woman, living with her husband at the place designated, was the victim. That she is not dead is very remarkable. Her life was spared because she is the possessor of a bullet-proof skull.

The Novinskis conduct a boarding house for tannery employes, and while several persons were in the building at the time, it appears that no one was present when "Black Jack," as he is called, held an interview with Mrs. Novinski in the kitchen. "Black Jack" is a Polack who had formerly boarded with the family, and it is surmised that he was enamored of the woman. On Saturday night he had a revolver which he had recently secured, and with this held close to the woman's head, he fired a 38 calibre bullet at her. The leaden missile struck her on the left eye-brow, and it ploughed its way under the skin for a short distance, but flattened itself out against the skull without penetrating to the brain. The woman fell to the floor in an unconscious condition and then her husband, who had been sleeping upstairs, came to the scene. "Black Jack" immediately disappeared. Before going he said the shooting was accidental, but the men of the house did not believe him and Jack saw that his safety was best conserved by flight. He has not since been seen in these parts.

Mrs. Novinski recovered her senses and, although suffering intensely, was given no medical attention until Sunday evening, when a neighbor, having heard of the occurrence, insisted that a physician be called. On this insistence Novinski called Dr. McNamara of Eldred, who, on arriving at the house, found the woman in a bad condition. Her face was still burned from the powder flash, but when she was placed under the influence of opiates and the bullet extracted, the Doctor was astounded to learn that the bony structure of the woman's forehead had possessed sufficient resistive force to crush the bullet into a flattened mass without allowing it to crash into the brain and produce instant death. Mrs. Novinski will recover. She is a robust woman of about 30 years.

Be Ready to Assist.

The glassworkers of Eldred will give a benefit ball at Temple opera house, Friday evening, Sept. 20th, to assist Emil Daugott, who has been several weeks in a Buffalo hospital. The injury he sustained at the glass plant July 24th, resulted in the loss of his foot, and as he had his ready money invested in the plant there, his friends are making this effort to come to his assistance financially. The tickets will be sold at 50 cents each and sent to all the surrounding glass making towns whose workers there will be asked to respond liberally for the benefit of the unfortunate man. Papers there please copy.—Eldred Eagle.

Sunday Rates and Special Train via B., B. & K. Ry.

Every Sunday during August and September the B., B. & K. Ry. will run a special train for Kane and Kinzua Bridge and intermediate stations, leaving Smethport at 11 a. m. Returning, arrive at Smethport at 6:30 p. m. Fare to Kinzua Bridge 40c, Mt. Jewett 45c, Kane 95c.

Cuts and Bruises Quickly Healed.

Chamberlain's Pain Balm applied to a cut, bruise, burn, scald or like injury will instantly allay the pain and will heal the parts in less time than any other treatment. Unless the injury is very severe it will not leave a scar. Pain Balm also cures rheumatism, sprains, swellings and lameness. For sale by H. C. Wells, Druggist.

Do you wish to be a teacher, a musician, a bookkeeper, a stenographer, a surveyor? If so attend the Edinboro State Normal. We offer free tuition in the Normal school. Fall term opens September 16.
JOHN F. BIGLER, Principal.

Sunday Excursion to Bradford and Rock City.

Every Sunday during August and September the B., B. & K. Ry. will sell tickets from Smethport to Bradford and return at 75 cents, and to Rock City and return $1 each. Train leaves Smethport at 8:30 a. m. Returning, train arrives at Smethport at 6:30 p. m.

For Sale.

I have for sale a number of Scotch collie pups. Call on or write me.
E. W. JONES, Smethport, Pa.

Fill up those unsightly cracks in your floor with Grippin's Crevice Filler, only at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

PERSONAL MENTION.

F. W. Brownell had business in Bradford Monday.

W. W. Brewer was down from Newton yesterday.

Dr. F. R. Young is home from New York on a visit.

Joseph Field of Hazelhurst was in town Wednesday.

J. B. Kelley of Newerf was a pleasant caller this morning.

Miss Jessie Haley returned Saturday from a visit to Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Olmsted are spending the week at Buffalo.

Richard Koenig and Ward Ramer left Tuesday for the Pan-Am.

Miss Bertha Blodgett of Jamestown is visiting Miss Mattie Backus.

Craig Rose and Mr. Bosworth of Binghamton are visiting in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mulvihill were passengers for Buffalo Tuesday.

Attorney H. S. Rogers of Mt. Jewett had business in town yesterday.

Mr and Mrs. W. O. Herzog left yesterday for a visit to the Pan-Am.

Miss Lena Shepard left Monday for Mansfield where she will attend school.

T. H. Morrison of Erie is visiting his parents, Hon. and Mrs. T. A. Morrison.

B. S. Choate of New York is visiting his father, H. M. Choate of King street.

Editor Swasher of the Mt. Jewett News was a brief caller at this office yesterday.

Miss Tavia Ramer left Monday for Olean where she will attend a business college.

Mrs. Margaret Reilly and Miss Bessie Hussey left this morning for a visit to the Pan-Am.

A. A. McCollam came up from DuBois and spent Sunday with his family in this borough.

Attorneys H. E. Shaffer and J. E. Mullin of Kane were in attendance at court Tuesday.

Chas. Bosworth, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to his home in Brooklyn Tuesday.

Sheridan Gorton, Jr., [illegible] Herzog, Harry Rubin and Geoffrey [illegible] are at the Pan-Am this week.

Miss Mollie King is over from Smethport for a visit among Ceres relatives and friends.—Ceres Mas.

Dr. and Mrs. W. P. Gibson of Bradford are staying a few days with Mrs. Gibson's father, B. L. Knapp.

Misses Gertrude and Myrtle McCarthy left Saturday for Allegheny where they will attend school the coming year.

F. G. Lindholm has gone on a two weeks trip to New York and other eastern cities purchasing fall and winter goods.

Mrs. E. A. Murphy of Trinidad, Col., who is traveling for her health in the Eastern States, is visiting at the home of her sister, Mrs. G. L. Davis of Colegrove.

Miss Helen Haines, who has been visiting friends in town for some time, returned to her home in New Castle Saturday.

Miss Elizabeth Boylstein of Allegheny, who has been the guest of Mrs. Wm. Andorfer for the past three weeks, returned home Monday.

R. C. Gleason and Ralph Yerdon returned home Saturday from their trip with the Frogs. "Ike" Gleason wore a bunch of whiskers that far outshined those of Guy McCoy.

C. H. Beckwith of Olean was a pleasant caller at this office Saturday. Mr. Beckwith has been in West Virginia for some time in the employ of a large lumber company and has just returned home.

Mrs. A. G. McAllister of Colegrove is entertaining her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs Joseph D. Burger of Harrison, N. Y., and her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hyatt Burger of Stamford, Conn.

Reduced Rates to San Francisco.

On account of the Triennial Convention of the Protestant Episcopal church, to be held at San Francisco beginning October 2, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell round trip tickets to San Francisco from all points on its line at greatly reduced rates.

Tickets will be sold September 18 to 25 inclusive, and will be good to return to leave San Francisco not earlier than October 3, and only on date of execution by Joint Agent, to whom a fee of fifty cents must be paid, and passengers must reach original starting point by November 15.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company will also run a personally conducted tour to the Pacific coast on this occasion by special train, starting September 23 and returning October 22. Round trip rate $185.

For further information apply to ticket agents, or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Philadelphia.

Cured of Chronic Diarrhoea After Thirty Years' Suffering.

"I suffered for thirty years with diarrhoea and thought I was past being cured," says John S. Halloway of French Camp, Miss. "I had spent so much time and money and suffered so much that I had given up all hopes of recovery. I was so feeble from the effects of the diarrhoea that I could do no kind of labor, could not even travel, but by accident I was permitted to find a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, and after taking several bottles I am entirely cured of that trouble. I am so pleased with the result that I am anxious that it be in the reach of all who suffer as I have." For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

Reduced Rates to Indianapolis.

For the meeting of the Sovereign Grand Lodge, Independent Order of Odd Fellows at Indianapolis September 16 to 21, the Pennsylvania Railroad company will sell round trip tickets to Indianapolis from all points on its lines at rate of a single fare for the round trip. Tickets will be sold September 12 to 15 inclusive, and will be good to return, leaving Indianapolis not earlier than September 15 not later than September 23. By depositing ticket with Joint Agent September 15 to 23 and upon payment of fifty cents an extension of the return limit may be secured to leave Indianapolis to October 7, inclusive.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy a Great Favorite.

The soothing and healing properties of this remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and permanent cures have made it a great favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of small children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief, and as it contains no opium or other harmful drug, it may be given as confidently to a baby as to an adult. For sale by H. C. Wells, druggist.

Notice.

A good girl wanted for general house work. Apply at 802 East Main street or W. D. at the office of the Camp glass works

Dynamite, fuse and caps at Holmes & Gilfillan's.

CHARTER NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that an application will be made to the Governor of Pennsylvania on the 20th day of September A.D. 1901 by H. M. Preston, John R. Cobb, W. S. Hoskins, C. E. Hazelton, F. M. Knapp and others, under the Act of Assembly entitled "An Act to provide for the incorporation and regulation of Natural Gas Companies," Approved May 29, 1885 and the supplements thereto for the charter of an intended corporation to be called the "Valley Gas Company," the character and object of which is engaging in and carrying on the business of operating for gas, buying, selling, transporting, storing, supplying and furnishing gas by meter and otherwise, to individuals, firms and corporations for heat or light or both or other purposes, in the Counties of McKean and Warren, and for these purposes to have, possess and enjoy all the rights, benefits and privileges of said Act of Assembly and the supplements thereto.

F. M. KNAPP, Solicitor.

A School Suit Sale

Just in time for the boys who must soon be fitted out with

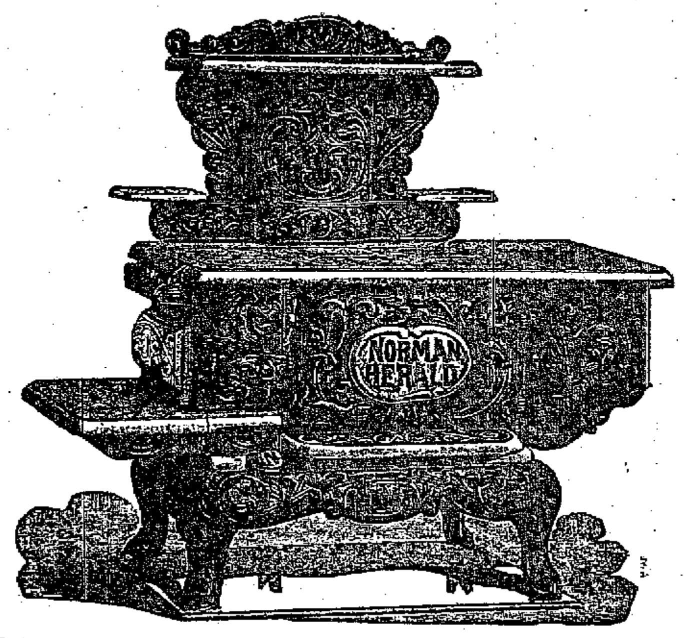
WINTER SCHOOL SUITS.

We have provided for all the school boys' Clothing, Shoes and Furnishing wants. If your boy needs any school fixings bring him in as we shall offer special inducements till September 9th 1901, in

BOYS' SCHOOL CLOTHING.

Bring the boy here and see what we can do to please him, and to save money for you. WE NOW HAVE ON SALE 50 BOYS' ALL WOOL SUITS, SIZES FROM 5 TO 12 THAT ARE GOING AT $1.00 EACH.

H. W. RUBIN & CO.,
THE ONE PRICE
MERCHANT TAILORS, CLOTHIERS & FURNISHERS.



If you contemplate buying a stove, be it wood, coal or gas, for heating or cooking, we have it and less than the lowest city prices, too. Let us convince you.

Do not forget our stock of lumber, windows, doors and sash. If you are building, we name it all for you

HOLMES & GILFILLAN
Smethport, Pa McKean County

WE NEED ROOM.

And for the next few weeks will be fussing with the masons and carpenters and to get as much of our stock as possible out of the dirt, we will, commencing

Monday, July 29th,

for two weeks make it an object for you to buy

Furniture, Carpets, Mantels

See **SLOAN** first,
Last and All the Time.

16 Main St. BRADFORD, PA.

Do Your Eyes Deceive You?

If so it is time you had them examined by a competent optician. I have had many years experience in diseases of the eye and can help you. Have your eyes fitted with glasses by a man who understands his business.

Chas. H. Robie
Leading Jeweler & Optician,
122 N. Union Street, Olean, N. Y

SPECIAL!

We commence a special sale to-day of all our Spring and Summer

Suits and Pantaloons.

You know what this means when we advertise a sale of this kind. It is an immense saving to all those who are going to buy Clothing.

Suits that were $10 now go for $7.00
Suits that were $12 now go for $ 8.50
Suits that were 15 now go for 10.00
Suits that were 18 now go for 13.50
Suits that were $20 now go for $14.

These excellent bargains will prevail throughout our Pantaloon Department, also Boys' and Children's. We will give you the same careful attention at this big money-saving sale as if you paid the regular prices. All goods sold that are advertised will be spot cash. We positively will not charge during this sale.

IKE SIMONS
46-48 MAIN STREET, BRADFORD, PA.
The Big Double Clothing Store.

A Poor Quality

Of drugs and medicines do infinitely more harm than good. None but the very best are used in compounding prescriptions at this Pharmacy. We guarantee their absolute purity and strength and as a consequence our trade in this department is constantly increasing. Bring your next prescription to this store and prove the truth of our words.

A complete line of

FINE STATIONERY,

Perfumes, Toilet Articles, Pocketbooks, Tobaccos, Cigars, &c., always in stock.

H. C. WELLS.

FRY & HERZOG

SHETLAND FLOSS.

For Shoulder Capes.

We are offering two select brands of this exceedingly popular yarn at prices which place elegant shawls within easy reach.

"PREMIUM BRAND"

A smooth even yarn in beautiful shades put up 12 skeins to the box

Colors—
White, Cream, Lt. Blues, Pinks, Scarlet, Heliotropes, Buff, Gray, Nile and Black.

Per Box $1.00
Per Skein 10c

"COLUMBIA BRAND"

Put up 8 skeins to the box.

Colors as above.

Per Box $1.10
Per Skein 15c

WOOD NEEDLES

Medium, per pr., 15c
Large, per pr., 20c

WOOD HOOKS

Each 10c

EARLY FALL GOODS.

This week we place on sale a very excellent line of cotton fleeced flannels, in Dots, Stripes and Persians patterns.

These goods are especially designed for Waists, Dressing Sacques, Wrappers and Children's Dresses.

PARISIAN WAISTCLOTH

27 Inches wide.

Colors-
Dark Blue, Light Blue, Cadet, Rose, Reds, Green Heliotrope, Tans and Gray

Per yard [illegible]c

ECLIPSE FLANNELS

33 inches wide.

Colors—
Dark Blues, Cadet, Reds, Tans, Rose and Green.

Per yard 5c

Samples mailed upon request

FRY & HERZOG.

LIKE PART OF YOUR ANATOMY

This is not a far fetched idea at all.

THE *"ELDRED"* BICYLE

[illegible] that it really seems a part of yourself.

And it is a part that will require the least attention from the rider. It is built of high grade material. May break up if you run into a stone wall or a trolley car, but it isn't subject to the petty accidents of the ordinary wheel.

And $30 and $40 buys one

ELDRED CHAINLESS, $65.

Other makes from $10 up.

FIRST-CLASS REPAIRING.

THE ELDRED CYCLE & SUPPLY CO.
Store Corner Main and Edson Streets,
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"The Bright Side of Life is Always Visible from the Wheel."

A good road pt a pleasing prospect is additionally enjoyable if the rider is mounted on a **Columbia Bevel-Gear Chainless.** The mechanism always runs the same, exertion is reduced to the minimum and there are no small annoyances. New Models, $75

Columbia Chain Wheels remain the standard of the chain type. New Models, $50.

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Cushion Frame, for Chainless or Chain Columbias, $5.00 extra. Columbia Tire or Coaster Brake, $5.00 extra.

M. L. Armstrong, Agent. SMETHPORT, PA.

DIGGING FOR GOLD

Iz not the only wa 2 get it. When you earn a $ make it purchase al U can. A $ saved iz a $ earned. I do not wish 2 preach 2 U, but wish 2 sa that U can save many $ by trading with us. How? Becaus we don't ask U 15c per lb for coffee. Either Lion or Arbuckle at 11c per lb. Best Pure Gray sugar 6c lb. Deland soda 5c pkg. Best Pure Baking Powder 10c can. Seeded Raisins 10c lb. Large can Jersey Pears 10c. 4 cans best hi-grade Sweet Corn 25c. Mix'd Spices whol for pickle 1 lb 8c. Any Spices ground at same price. We not only save you big money on Groceries but sell Men's Dress & Work Pantaloons at about ½ U generally pay.

We sell Imported English Dishes at American prices. Nice Tea cups and saucers at 60c set 6, coffees at 72c. We sell U Decorated Green American Dishes by the piece. This line we sell & keep in open stock al the time & our prices R lower than U can buy the plain white ware elsewhere in this town. We have the largest line of American & Imported fancy & plain dishes ever shown in this town & we save U Big Money on them. In Fancy Bisk Novelties we can show U a larger line than any hous in the county.

All kinds of files warranted at 1c inch up to 8 inch. We have a large line of Plated, Filled & Solid Jewelry, guaranteed for 5 year wear. We sell Cotton Top Mattress at $2.50 each. Spring Beds at $1.75 to $4 15 each. 6-foot Xtension Table at $5 & $7. Chairs at $3 to $6 per set. Couches $10 to $16. Our store is the largest & has the greatest variety of goods 2 B found in Smethport. We have a few trim'd hats that we will close out for less than cost. $5 hats go at $2.50, $1 hats go at 50c. We wish 2 call U farmers' attention 2 our Iron Rim Heel Kip Leather Boots; $2.50 boots for $1.98. Folding Clothes Racks go at 25c, not 75c or $1 az U hav paid B4. We keep the kopper nickl'd T & Coffee Pots & T Kettles, silver-lined Water Pitcher & Cream Jugs, large oak frame mirrors such as you pay $2.50 we offer at $1.30, all sizes down to 10c price. We keep the finest line of plug tobaccos in a glass case, moist & free from dust. Growler Smoking, new case, 6 pkgs 25c. Don't forget our 5 & 10c counters.

Cut Price Bargain Hous.

A. E. Stickles. Sept. 1, 1901. East Smethport.

LOCAL NEWS.

—To-day is President's day at the Pan-American.

—See that you are registered. To-day is the last day.

—Oil and gas are being prospected for in the vicinity of Lock Haven.

—The foundation for the new parish house of St. Luke's church, at the rear of this office, is nearly completed.

—The weather signals, by a late decree of the department, are to be exhibited on the wagons of rural free delivery mail carriers for information of patrons of the routes.

—Two 35,000 barrel oil tanks were struck by lightning at Olean on Saturday. One contained little oil and was soon burned out, but the other was nearly full and burned all night, making a beautiful display for a large number of spectators.

—A Clearfield hotel chef converted a live chicken into a dainty cooked bit of meat in six minutes and a boarder ate the whole chicken in three and a half minutes more. That's clearing the coop and scraping the platter at a lively rate; and Clearfield is now in this congressional district!—Kane Leader.

—Early yesterday morning the Benney dry goods store at Eldred was gutted by fire. Prompt work by the firemen saved the structure, but the contents of the store were badly damaged. The fire originated in a rear portion of the building and is believed to have been of incendiary origin.—Tuesday's Bradford Era.

—Last Thursday afternoon as Charles Mack, a sixteen-year-old boy, was driving leisurely along the main road during a severe electrical storm he was struck by lightning and instantly killed, as well as one of the horses which he was driving. There were no marks on his body with the exception of a small red mark near his ear, but the force of the impact was so strong that it tore the shoes from his feet.—Galeton Dispatch.

—That all the fools don't live in the country is evident from a card we received from Philadelphia last week. It was a "home made" postal card, bearing a two cent stamp clipped from a stamped envelope. The envelope stamp cut no figure on the card, and we were compelled to pay the office here four cents. His request was for sample copies of the Autograph, and he was particular to have them "fully stamped."—Austin Autograph.

—Cuba and Salamanca papers are having a baseball controversy. The Salamanca team went to Cuba the other day and were defeated, and the Salamanca Union in a report of the game says: "A large proportion of them (the crowd) wore petticoats. They took undue liberties with the visitors. The girls are as bad as the boys, if not worse." "Undue liberties!" The Cuba girls must be a bold, bad lot or the Salamanca ball players are a tender set of sissies.

—The Mirror, a weekly journal published in the Minnesota penitentiary, says: "Why is it that from the first inception of our paper to the present time we have never had an editor to sojourn in our midst? Other professions well represented. Preachers we have had enough to furnish subsistence to an African chief for a year; doctors in sufficient number to depopulate a state, and enough lawyers to establish a good sized colony in Hades. But editors—not one."

—Tramps have been operating in the western part of the state in which some of the gang have sores on their arms which they use as bait to arouse the sympathy of residents. They tell a hard-luck story about being employes in the big steel mills, and, becoming unable to work were laid off and now are trying to secure money enough to pay their way to their sister's home in Philadelphia. An effort will be made to secure the offenders and those who are paid a visit will do well to immediately notify the police.—Ex.

—Albert Crandall, a farmer residing about one mile south of Little Genesee, while trying to head off a neighbor's bull about 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, was attacked by the bull and injured severely about the head, arms and face, besides having four ribs broken. His neighbor, Benjamin Berton, saved him from being stamped to death by driving the animal away with a double bitted axe. He was carried to his house unconscious and Dr. Latham of Bolivar was summoned and dressed the wounds. Crandall is 72 years old and probably will not recover.—Bolivar Breeze.

—The bright musical comedy, "A Trip to Buffalo," is now being presented nightly at the handsome new Academy, Buffalo, to large and enthusiastic audiences. This new playhouse is a splendid example of what a modern theatre should be, and, in addition to all its other up-to-date features, is absolutely fireproof in every particular. "A Trip to Buffalo" belongs to that class of productions in which music and comedy is happily combined. "A Trip to Buffalo" is presented by a company of sixty people, all of them clever performers, the chorus alone numbering forty-five persons who both sing and act well. No expense has been spared in staging this production, and the stage settings and costumes are extremely handsome. It will be well worth anyone's time to visit this new playhouse when in the Pan-American city.

—It develops now that the much talked about Bloomer Girls were not bloomer girls—at least not all of them were dear girls with pretty curls and fair faces. Two of the best players on the team, the third baseman and the pitcher, were "Ellis Glenn" and "Murray Hall." At least the charge is made that were they to remove the beautiful cluster of blond hair that covered their heads and wash from their faces some of the face powder there could be found just above the surface of the skin the seed for a big crop of manly whiskers. It is also said that the first baseman would have no trouble in getting into a show at the midway in Buffalo which is for "men only." As far as the game between the Bloomer Girl aggregation and the Bradford team is concerned it was not a game at all. Bradford made it so hot for the girls that they had to turn in an alarm of fire. They were glad to take to the tall timber with the score standing 12 to 2 in favor of the home team. One girl "grafter" who tried to get away with a ball that did not belong to her was detected in the act.—Bradford Record.

Pennsylvania Railroad Special Rates to Buffalo and Niagara Falls.

During the continuance of the Pan American Exposition, the Pennsylvania Railroad Company will sell excursion tickets from Smethport to Buffalo and Niagara Falls at the following rates:

	Buffalo	Niagara Falls
5 day limit, sold Tuesdays and Saturdays not good in parlor or sleeping cars	$3.00	$3.50
15 day limit, good in parlor or sleeping cars	3.80	4.30
Season, final limit November 30, 1901	4.35	5.15

Additional information may be had upon application to ticket agents.

SPECIAL DAYS AT THE PAN-AMERICAN

THE week beginning Sept. 15 will be Lumbermen's week at the Pan-American Exposition. Thousands of wholesale and retail dealers in lumber from all parts of the United States and Canada will be at the great New World's Fair, and they promise to make the week a memorable one.

One of the organizations which will be well represented is the Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo, which has a membership of upward of 8,000.

The annual meeting of the Hoo-Hoo will be held at Norfolk, Va., from Sept. 9 to 13, and the delegates will go direct from the Southern city to the Exposition.

The Concatenated Order of Hoo-Hoo is essentially a lumbermen's order, being composed of lumbermen, timbermen, saw and planing mill machinery manufacturers, newspaper men and railroad men, being those engaged in the lumber trade and those allied industries which are so closely interwoven with the conduct of the lumber business as to make them practically a part thereof.

Mexico Day, Sept. 16.

Exceptional ceremonies are being planned for Mexico day, Monday, Sept. 16, at the Pan-American Exposition. Dr. Aspiroz, the Mexican embassador to the United States, will be there and will speak. In addition, it is proposed to have a famous and eloquent statesman and orator from Mexico make the address of the day. An effort is being made to secure the attendance of Chief Justice Justo Sirra of the Supreme Court of Mexico. It is proposed to bring the famous Mexican Artillery Band to the Exposition for the day. The Mexican commissioners to the Exposition are deeply interested and will strive earnestly to make their republic's special day a memorable one.

Illinois Day, Sept. 16.

Among other prominent speakers at the Pan-American Exposition on Illinois day, which will be Sept. 16, will be Secretary Lyman J. Gage, Senators Shelby M. Cullom and W. E. Mason, Comptroller of the Currency Charles G. Dawes, in addition to Governor Richard Yates. The First Regiment of Chicago will be in attendance, and the social features of the occasion will not be slighted, an informal hop at one of the large hotels in Buffalo being included in the plans.

Grand Army Veterans' Day, Sept. 17.

G. A. R. day at the Pan-American Exposition, Tuesday, Sept. 17, will be one of the truly great days of the season. It follows closely the national encampment, which is to be held at Cleveland, and many thousands of veterans and their families will embrace the opportunity of viewing the wonderful sights at the great New World's Fair. An elaborate programme appropriate to the occasion will be carried out. Numerous special features will be provided in honor of the visit of the veterans. Among the bands which will be at the Exposition on G. A. R. day are Brooke's Marine Band of Chicago, Nineteenth Regiment Band of St. Catharines, Ladies' Military Band of Boston and the John C. Weber Military Band of Cincinnati. Band concerts will be given forenoon, afternoon and evening. There will be a free organ recital by Seth C. Clarke of Buffalo in the Temple of Music in the afternoon. In the evening there will be one of the most magnificent displays of Pain's fireworks ever seen. The day will be one long to be remembered.

New York State Day, Sept. 18.

New York State day at the Pan-American is Sept. 18, and an effort will be made to eclipse all previous records for attendance on that day. Low railroad rates will be obtained from all parts of the State, and there will be a large gathering of public men, politicians, orators and distinguished citizens, besides members of the National Guard. The principal orator of the day will be the Hon. St. Clair McKelway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle and one of the most brilliant orators of the State. It is expected that the guests of the day will include Senator Thomas C. Platt, Senator Chauncey M. Depew, Governor B. B. Odell and staff and the Adjutant General of the State, General George F. Roe. There will be a big military display, including probably all the National Guard regiments and companies of Western New York.

Welsh Day and Eisteddfod, Sept. 19.

The Eisteddfod at the Pan-American Exposition on Sept. 19, which has been designated as Welsh day, will be a very important musical event. The leading Welsh soloists and choirs will compete for prizes aggregating $1,000. The sons and daughters of Wales in this country are deeply interested in Welsh day and the Eisteddfod, and many thousands will visit the Exposition for the festivities. The Eisteddfod will be held in the magnificent Temple of Music of the Exposition, which contains the finest pipe organ in America.

The Welsh are pre-eminently musical vocally, and they are second to no other people for choral singing. Within easy radius of Buffalo there are thousands of Welsh singers. Half a dozen fine choirs will be organized to take part in the contests. This will furnish also a rare opportunity and stimulus to the Welsh choral community to show the people of all America what they can perform in the line of choral music. The chief competition will be "God So Loved the World" (Sir J. Stainer) and "We Never Will Bow Down" (Handel), $400; also male chorus contest, "Song of the Pilgrim" (Morris), and a female chorus contest, "Lullaby" (Brahms) and "Bridal of the Birds" (Brinley Richards). The following will be the adjudicators: William Apmadoc, Chicago; Edward Broome, Montreal, Canada; John Lund of Buffalo, N. Y. The presidents of the day will be Rev. D. Rhuddlyn Davies of Allegheny, Pa.; Hon. Ellis H. Roberts of Washington, D. C., and General Thomas L. James of New York. The leader of each winning choir will receive a silver loving cup.

St. Catharines Day, Sept. 20.

St. Catharines is an enterprising and progressive city in the province of Ontario, Canada, which has a splendid display of its natural and industrial resources at the Pan-American Exposition. The wide awake citizens have planned a special day for their city at the Exposition, and they promise to make it one of the most entertaining and liveliest of days. Friday, Sept. 20, has been designated as St. Catharines day. An excellent programme is being prepared.

Pennsylvania Day, Sept. 20.

Pennsylvania is represented with a State building and a comprehensive exhibit of the great resources of the State at the Pan-American Exposition, and great numbers of her people have visited the great show. A special day for Pennsylvania has been set aside, Friday, Sept. 20. Arrangements are being made for a grand observance of the day. There will be special excursions, starting from all important points in the State, and the indications are that many thousands will patronize them. A programme of exercises, in which the most distinguished statesmen and business men of the commonwealth will participate, is now being prepared by the State's commissioners to the Exposition.

Trained Nurses' Day, Sept. 21.

Trained nurses from all parts of the United States and Canada will gather at the Pan-American Exposition on Saturday, Sept. 21, which has been designated as Trained Nurses' day. During the week beginning Sept. 16 the International Congress of Nurses will be held in Buffalo.

The American Society of Superintendents of Training Schools For Nurses will hold its annual meeting Sept. 16 and 17. This society is composed of the superintendents of all the large nurse training schools of the United States and Canada.

The Nurses' Associated Alumnæ of the United States, which has now about 3,000 members, also holds its annual meeting the same days.

The International Council of Nurses, a branch of the International Council of Women, and composed of the leading women of the profession throughout the world, will hold a business session on the 16th. This council has called an International Congress, which will be in session for three days, Sept. 18, 19 and 20. The Order of Spanish-American War Nurses will hold its annual meeting that week, probably on Tuesday. These meetings will all be held in the Women's Union.

On Saturday, the 22d, a mass meeting of all these organizations will be held in the Temple of Music of the Exposition. Many of the old army nurses of the Civil War are expected to be present. The Surgeon General of the United States Army has appointed a delegate to represent the Army Nurse Corps. The Victorian Order of Nurses of Canada will also send representatives and all the nurses' clubs and alumnæ societies of this country and Europe.

Oregon Day, Sept. 25.

In Oregon everything that happens is on a big scale. Evidence of this is seen in the exhibition buildings of the Pan-American Exposition. The State's exhibit is one of the most complete and interesting at the New World's Fair. All who view it pronounce it highly creditable to the productive and progressive State. The plans for Oregon day at the Exposition are on a scale characteristic of the State. The chief officers of the State, representatives in the National Legislature and other prominent organizations will participate in the exercises. Sept. 25 is the day set aside for Oregon day.

Cleveland Day, Sept. 26.

The enterprising city of Cleveland will have a holiday on Thursday, Sept. 26, which has been designated as Cleveland day, at the Pan-American Exposition. Arrangements will be made for low rate excursions both by rail and water, and many thousands of the Forest City's citizens are expected to make the trip to the Exposition, where a programme of exercises appropriate to the occasion will be carried out. The Mayor and other city officials will deliver addresses. Distinguished Ohio statesmen will be invited to participate in the exercises. The arrangements for the event are in the hands of committees composed of Cleveland's most prominent and influential men, and success is assured.

Nebraska Day, Oct. 3.

Nebraska has a fine exhibit of its products at the Pan-American Exposition, and the State is to further distinguish itself by the observance of a special day at the Exposition. Oct. 3 will be Nebraska day, and a programme in which the most distinguished men and women of the State will take part is being arranged.

Rather Venomous.

A tenderfoot who visited the Yosemite in the old days thus related his experience: The stage driver found out that he was seriously afraid of snakes and immediately proceeded to make his hair stand on end.

"Venomous reptiles? You bet. I don't know what reptiles is, but them snakes, you can just bet your life is venomous. Why, one day I was comin down here drivin a wagon, when I catches sight of a snake in the brush all ready for a spring. My horses starts, an I whips 'em up fast to clear the snake, don't you see, afore he could spring. He makes one clear spring, the snake does, an he misses the horses."

"That was lucky. But you—you"—

"Lucky? You bet your life it was lucky. He missed the horses, the snake did, but he stuck his fangs clean through the wagon."

"You don't say!"

"I do say, and maybe you don't believe it, but it's a fact. He stuck his fangs clean through that wagon, an that wagon is swelled up so bad that we had to leave it by the wayside and take the horses home."

Dogs and Somersaults.

As there is more than one way of cooking a goose, so there is more than one method of teaching a dog to throw somersaults. But the most practical and thorough manner is to fasten a cord around the body of the animal close to the forelegs, and two people should hold the ends of the cord on either side of the unfortunate dog.

A third party armed with a stout rope takes a position immediately in front of the canine acrobat and with a measured and masterly stroke flogs the floor at close quarters to the dog's nose.

At each stroke of the rope the dog springs backward, and that movement is the trainer's golden opportunity. As the dog springs backward the rope passing under its body is jerked upward, and, although the first few attempts may prove futile, the somersault is acquired in course of time. An intelligent dog soon sickens of this order of things and throws somersaults without the assistance of ropes.

Things Not Wanted.

Dogs, pianos and typewriters are the possessions most frequently advertised for sale at second hand, according to an advertising man. Cameras run these three hard in the sale of things desirable to get rid of, and bicycles come next.

Bicycles and cameras would probably head the list, so many people seem to wish to be rid of them, but their tenure of advertising popularity is usually brief. Household furniture, horses and carriages come next in the list. Then jewelry, watches, sewing machines and musical instruments.

Books are far down, almost the last in the list. Folks who have them usually seem to wish to keep them.—New York Sun.

The Charge Not Sustained

"You say," [illegible] the chairman of the investigating committee, "that he resorted to no bribery whatever during the election so far as you know?"

"Yes, sir," replied the witness, "that's what I said."

"Did he not circulate several boxes of cigars?"

"Yes, sir, but them cigars wasn't bribes. Here's one of them. You try it."—Detroit Free Press.

Saving Requires Character.

The faculty of saving money is much rarer than the faculty of making it, and it calls for the exercise of a higher degree of good judgment and more self restraint. In a word, it requires more character.—World's Work.

AT THE URN.

Ida sitteth at the urn
Every afternoon at three,
Since that summer at Lucerne
I am very fond of tea.
[illegible] "Thank you, just a lump."
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]

[illegible] "Why, certainly."
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible]
Robert Loveman in Collier's.

With a View to Matrimony.

"Can I dew anything noor for ye, Sally?" said Bob Heron, the cowman, to his sister as he finished banging the [illegible] "muck" off the [illegible] against the [illegible] wall.

"Why, whatever ha' come to ye?" said his sister. "D'ye want anything?"

For years Sally had taken upon herself the unenviable task of looking after her old father and of "mothering" her three younger brothers. Her efforts to keep them going in food and clothes were wont to meet with more unmerited abuse and foul language than any return in the shape of affection, gratitude or help. This she felt the more as she was a woman with [illegible] of refinement that were unusual in the neighborhood of [illegible], and took to heart the complaints of her great loutish brothers that "they hadn't got noo mother." Bob's desire to assist her in any way surprised her.

"Narthen [illegible]," said Bob sheepishly. "Can't I dew narthen noor?"

Sally bustled about and deftly tidied up the kitchen. Out of the corner of her eyes she watched Bob hanging around uncomfortably with an evident wish to ask something and a reluctance to make a start.

"Shall I shuch the bricks down for ye?" inquired Bob.

"Come an do," said Sally. "Tell us what 'tis. Surely to goodness ye ain't afeard."

"Will ye promise not to put the grin on tew me?" Bob asked.

"Why, what should I want to do that for?" said Sally, who was getting inquisitive and knew the only way to extract information from her brother was to evince no curiosity. "But just as ye like. I can't keep muddlin about here all the mornin."

"I want ye to tell me what to say," Bob gasped out.

"Say? Say what? Whatever are ye talkin about? I don't know the meanin on't."

"Well! There's a gal!" Bob began nervously.

"Ah! There's plenty o' them," said Sally, unconcernedly.

"I want ye to tell me what to sany in a letter," burst out Bob. "Lor', Sally, she's a gret wench. She's bigger'n yew. Har hair's that black! 'Tain't like yarn." (Sally was fair.) "She's big as me. An har eyes! Lor', har eyes fare to goo right trew ye they be so shiny an so black."

"A love letter?" said Sally. "No, Bob, I don't know nothin about love. I ain't goin to mix up along o' no love."

"Noo, noo!" expostulated Bob. "'Tain't come to that yit. But I see har brother t'other daay, an he axed me to goo cover an see har, an I axed him if I should write an tell har I wuz a-comin, an he said as he'd find out."

"D'ye want to walk out with her, then?" said Sally.

"I doan't knoo azackly as yit," Bob answered. "D'ye think she'd make a good wife?"

"How can I tell?" asked Sally, with some show of reason. "Do I know her?"

"Noo," said Bob. "But she bain't like yew. She's a strappin wench, an my missus 'ull hev to wark to help to 'arn the grub."

"Do she wear a fall an gloves?" asked Sally slyly, reminiscent of fraternal remonstrances at her own occasional lapses into gentility.

"That she dean't!" said Bob. "She shan't wear noo fall nor noo gloves."

"Ye'll have to treat her different to what you do me," said Sally, "or she won't put up wi't."

"I'll trate her prarper," Bob promised. "She shall hev all the grub she can get down har, but she shan't hev noo bare nor stout. They doan't do ye a might o' good."

Bob was an adolescent valetudinarian in his way and was just then strong on total abstinence.

"I wouldn't write no letter," said Sally. "That's dangerous. She might hev ye up for breach o' promise."

"D'ye think soo?" said Bob, who in all extramural matters was guided by his sister.

"That 'ould be best to see her," said Sally. "How often hev ye seed her?"

"I doan't knoo much on har, an that's a fact," admitted Bob. "She's in sarvice [illegible] Chettbridge, an har brother [illegible] as I'd like to goo cover."

"[illegible] that appears funny to me," mused Sally, keeping her countenance [illegible]. "What d'ye want to write to [illegible]?"

"I'm wantin to dew the thing praper," Bob explained. "[illegible] what never come to narthen. I want to hev a praper understandin afore I gits engaged, an I hain't got noo mother, [illegible], an thote as yew'll help me."

"Ye get your onderstandin talkin'," advised Sally. "That fare strange to me she should set her brother on to ye like that."

"D'ye think soo?" said Bob nervously.

"Hev ye ever kissed her?" asked Sally slyly.

"Blaame it, noo!" Bob roared. "But I should wholly like tew," he added softly.

"Take her out an kiss her, then, an be done wi't," said Sally, more experienced in wooing. "But do ye mind ye bain't sucked in."

"What d'ye mane?" asked Bob.

"They say as fish hawkers cry stinkin fish the loudest," answered Sally sententiously, "an har brother wholly holler tew."

"D'ye think soo?" muttered Bob, alarmed at unconsidered possibilities. "But har eyes maak ye jump, they be so bright. She's the prattiest gal ye ever see. I'll maak yo a bet on't," he added by way of self consolation.

"I spooz," he said after a pause, "I spooz yew 'ouldn't write for me an ax har if she'd walk out wi' me. I hain't got noo mother to dew it, wuss luck."

It may be incidentally remarked that Bob was 23 years of age and, with his brothers, was always lamenting the want of a mother. That lady during her life left the charge of her young children altogether to Sally and neglected them and her home equally.

"Yew may take your oath o' that," answered Sally firmly in reply to Bob's [illegible]. "If ye get sucked in ye'll lay it all on me. [illegible]"

"D'ye think soo?" said Bob, and [illegible] acted on her advice.

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When Bob had finished [illegible] on Sunday morning and [illegible] an evening [illegible] fever of unrest. "Sally, [illegible] collar? [illegible] I'll gie ye tuppence [illegible] think she'll like to goo [illegible] dew I look in my new clothes?"

At last Sally got him off and [illegible] her attention to the midday meal.

[illegible]

"Why, Bob, boy, you must ha' been a fool," said Sally, chuckling inwardly [illegible].

"D'ye think soo?" he said uneasily. "After that [illegible] we set under the hedge for a bit, an she axed me to kiss har. Soo I did, but she [illegible] soo I didn't think much on't. Then she kep' a-screwin up agin me till she went asleep. When she woke up we walked to Turlham, an I axed her if she'd like too goo to chapel. But she said that waz [illegible] an she waz dry. Soo we went into the [illegible] Head, an she had [illegible] an half o' mild for me. That's threepence ha'p'ny an one an threppence ha'p'ny is one an nine. Goin home to Chetbridge that waz gettin dark, but she wanted to set under the hedge agin. Howsomdever, I said the ground was damp, an she said as I waz a soft fool, an we'd best git on. [illegible] That's just like yew [illegible] Now's the time [illegible] I hain't got noo mother. [illegible] this week out of my money. I must look arter myself [illegible] narthen. [illegible]"

And Bob went up to bed grumbling and cursing, while his sister laughed silently downstairs.

Bob is still a bachelor, but he has another girl in his eye and wants Sally to test her quality before he commits himself to another one and ninepenny Sunday.—Black and White.

NERVE OF ENGINEERS

IT DOES NOT, AS A RULE, DESERT THEM AFTER AN ACCIDENT

Desperate Chances the Man at the Throttle Will at Times Take Without Being Able to Give a Satisfactory Reason For His Action.

"I have been often asked why railway engineers disregard their instructions and the warning signals along the line of their road," said the general superintendent of a railroad to a man, "and I have summed it up that it is human nature for men to take chances in their business and that engineers are no exception to the general rule.

"Sometimes they cannot give a satisfactory reason why they do so. I will give you an authentic instance of this habit which made me live 10 years in 30 minutes.

"On a road I was at the time connected with was a long trestle over a bay several miles in length, with a drawbridge in the center. The draw had been opened, and as a [illegible] was passing through the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] the red danger [illegible] [illegible]. They ran to the captain of [illegible] to go at full speed [illegible] the draw [illegible] [illegible] to the point where the rails separated.

"The engineer, however, disregarded the first danger signal, a few hundred yards from the draw, and came on. By a remarkable coincidence of time and position the draw, which was of course in motion, swung so that the rails of the east bound track were in juxtaposition with the west bound track, upon which the train was running, and the heavy engine and one of the passenger coaches, striking the east bound rails, glided upon the draw and stuck there, the remaining portion of the train being on the west bound track, making almost a figure S of the coaches.

"If the draw had moved the thirtieth part of a second faster or slower, the east bound rails would not have been opposite the west bound rails at the very instant that the great engine struck them, and a frightful disaster would have resulted. When I got out on the bridge a few minutes later, I fully expected to find the train in the bottom of the bay and the draw smashed into splinters. I discharged the engineer on the spot and asked him why he had not observed the signals. He admitted that he saw them, but could not give a satisfactory reason for failing to observe them. He evidently took his chances of finding the draw closed when he reached it.

"The engineer of today is a sober, steady, nervy man, especially on the fast express trains on the big roads. It is nerve that makes one [illegible] a limited express train through the darkness of the night, fog, sleet and blinding snow at 60 miles an hour. The stories we hear of an engineer losing his nerve after an accident are largely fiction. In 27 years of active railroad life I have had but one or two men apply to me for a transfer upon the ground that their nerves had gone back on them for running the fast trains.

"I have had men who have been flung 50 feet over their tenders in a head on collision and had a dozen bones broken come to me after they had been discharged from the hospital and ask to be put back on their old run. You see, they [illegible] [illegible] If it is their [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]"

[illegible]

Very few people [illegible]

WORDS WE SWALLOW

[illegible]

This Hitch in the Working of the Brain is Called Aphasia by the Medical Profession—A Peculiar Phenomenon For the Emergency.

[illegible]

Very often the greater the desire to speak the right word the greater the difficulty [illegible] [illegible] There are many [illegible] word [illegible] [illegible] the all important word [illegible] thought they knew [illegible] names [illegible] recall it, but the very effort makes it more difficult [illegible].

A man may sometimes be tortured and yet be unable to speak the word he most desires to utter. Spies have been captured and have gone to their death in silence not because they have not been eager to betray their comrades, but because under the stress and excitement of the situation they have totally forgotten the information they would convey. A celebrated case of this [illegible] was made the subject of a play produced in London some years ago, called [illegible].

[illegible] to recall instances in which he has suffered from this "word forgetfulness." One can often remember the initial letter of the word, but not the word itself. It is still on the tip of the tongue, even after one has given up the struggle to recollect it.

Actors sometimes forget a word or two in the parts that no effort of their own can give back to them at the moment. But the words needed may be [illegible] [illegible]. During the run of "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" Mrs. Patrick Campbell one night found herself on the stage [illegible] [illegible] It was no good. [illegible]

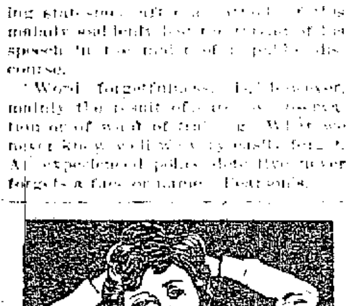
Names of people are the words that slip our memories most frequently. We see a face we know, and yet we cannot fit a name to it. We are asked by the hand or slapped on the back, and all the while we are [illegible] trying to think of the name of the person who is doing it. Kings [illegible] royal memories [illegible] memory for faces. [illegible] memory for names.

It is not always safe to [illegible] When Ellen Terry and Henry Irving were in America one year they met a gentleman who they knew [illegible] [illegible] "Certainly," was the reply [illegible]

Aphasia is [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] a man who is [illegible] to pronounce [illegible] not understand the meanings of the words. [illegible] senseless jargon.

But the [illegible] [illegible] excitement [illegible] People getting [illegible] speech [illegible] course.

Word forgetfulness is, however, mainly the result of [illegible] never know [illegible] An experienced police detective never forgets a face or name.—Pearson's.



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